

I would like to take this opportunity to comment on this proposal, in specific on the 60m proposed allocation. I have comments in regard to the following points.

1. Access to the 60m band by license class: I believe that the proposed 60m band should be allocated to General, Advanced and Extra class operators. There should be no problems with the holders of these three licence classes co-existing on the proposed 60m band. They have done so on the 12m, 17m and 30m bands for quite a number of years. I also believe that setting aside a small segment of the proposed 60m band would not be feasible due to the limited amount of spectrum that has been proposed.

2. Power Allowed: I still stand by my original comments to restrict the amount of power allowed to 200w. My rationale for this is as follows. First, this is a shared allocation as is the 30m band. There are other users world-wide on the proposed 60m band that may receive interference from high-power stations. Since this is (at this time) a domestic allocation, and U.S. operators will be the only occupants of this band, it makes sense to limit the power as to mitigate interference to other users of the proposed 60m band. Secondly, since the proposed 60m band is a "domestic only" (at this time) allocation, 200w would more than enough power to communicate with other stations in the United States. Thirdly, if at a future date, the proposed 60m allocation becomes an internationally recognized allocation, the Commission can always change Part 97 to allow a higher power limit.

Subband: I believe that while the Amateur community is quite capable of self-policing, I believe that a specific segment of the proposed 60m band should be set aside for narrow-band modes of operation. It should be noted that the Commission is restricting the use of wide-band modes to a specific segment, as the use of narrow-band modes are allowed throughout the entire allocation on all authorized bands. I believe that this is necessary to ensure that there will be an area available for the users of narrow-band modes that are free from interference. "Gentlemen's Agreements" are fine, but as the Commission knows, there have been some problems on the 160m band, a band that has a 200kHz allocation - much more spectrum than is available in the proposed 60m band.

I would like to thank the Commission for allowing me to submit my comments on this matter, and I hope that the Commission will expedite this matter so that the proposed 60m band will become available for operation as soon as possible.

Thank You

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